

TRIBUTE TO VFW POST 2151

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 4, 1995

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the past commanders and auxiliary presidents of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2151. On April 8, 1995, V.F.W. Post 2151 will hold a commemorative dinner at their Post in Gary, IN, to honor their past officers.

The past commanders of V.F.W. Post 2151 include: Harold James, Otha Williams, Dan L. Williams, Joe Dishmon, Bob Wilson, Jesse Rogers, Bill Woodard, William Rapier, Lee G. Coleman, and Virgil Fields.

The past auxiliary presidents for V.F.W. Post 2151 include: Bertha Harvey, Dorothy Jordan, Bessie Jones, Prestine Fontleroy, Ada Williams, Jennie Young, Mary Clay, Elouise Woodard, Jessie M. Shackelford, Doris Daniels, Mary Pendelton, Mattie Gault, Lula Marshall, Doris Daniels, Verlee Perry, and Vanessa Jenkins.

These former commanders and auxiliary presidents have been dedicated to preserving the memory of the service of the U.S. soldiers to defend our country in foreign wars. Because of the V.F.W.'s efforts in the preservation of the history of the United States and foreign affairs policy, our citizens can learn from past experience in hopes for a better world.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other colleagues to join me in commemorating these honorable men and women of V.F.W. Post 2151 for their dedicated service to our great country.

SALUTING U.S. COAST GUARD
COMDR. WILLIAM J. "WOODY"
LEE ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. JACK FIELDS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 4, 1995

Mr. FIELDS. Mr. Speaker, those of us who have worked on issues important to the U.S. Coast Guard have enjoyed the opportunity to work with Comdr. William J. "Woody" Lee. Woody will retire from his position in the very near future after 21 years of active duty service in the Coast Guard, and I would like to take a moment to salute his efforts on behalf of the U.S. Coast Guard.

Since 1992, Woody has worked closely with many of us in the House on issues important to the Coast Guard. I worked especially closely with Commander Lee from 1993 to 1995, when I served as the ranking Republican member of the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee. During those years, committee staffers, Chairman GERRY STUDDS, and I all relied on advice and information supplied by Woody to better understand the needs of the men and women of the U.S. Coast Guard as they worked to carry out their many diverse missions.

Throughout the years I worked with him, I was always impressed with Woody's tireless efforts on behalf of the Coast Guard, and his efforts to improve communication between top Coast Guard officials and those of us on Cap-

itol Hill charged with overseeing the Coast Guard's activities.

Commander Lee coordinated hundreds of Coast Guard presentations at congressional hearings and briefings, including annual budget briefings and updates on Coast Guard operations during the Cuban and Haitian refugee crises. Woody coordinated more meetings and appearances on Capitol Hill by the two Coast Guard commandants under whom he served than had been coordinated during the entire previous decade. Woody's efforts to foster a better relationship and improved communication between top officials of the U.S. Coast Guard and those of us in Congress resulted in widespread and bipartisan support in the house for the U.S. Coast Guard as it worked to carry out its many varied responsibilities.

But Woody always believed that telling the Coast Guard story involved more than participating in congressional hearings. In his years as the Coast Guard's liaison officer in the House, Woody organized and managed more than 30 field trips for House staff members. Those trips provided staffers with invaluable first-hand information and a better understanding of Coast Guard operations, missions, and needs.

In the same way, Woody understood the need for his fellow Coast Guard officers to better understand how the Congress works. That's why he volunteered to speak at the Chief Petty Officer's Academy and the Reserve Training Center Group Commander's course. That's also why he has taken the time to advise field commanders on how they can foster greater understanding of Coast Guard missions by the public as well as by Federal-level elected officials.

A 1974 graduate of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, Woody deserves our sincere thanks for the 21 years of distinguished and selfless service he has given to the U.S. Coast Guard and to his country. Woody informs me that he's accepted an exciting and challenging position at Raytheon, and that he plans to continue his marathon running. I know you, Mr. Speaker, and all of my colleagues join with me in wishing Comdr. William J. "Woody" Lee—as well as his wife, Dona, and their two children—continued success and happiness in the years ahead.

HONORING STANLEY O.
IKENBERRY, PRESIDENT, UNI-
VERSITY OF ILLINOIS, UPON HIS
RETIREMENT

HON. THOMAS W. EWING

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 4, 1995

Mr. EWING. Mr. Speaker, this week the Illinois congressional delegation and alumni of the University of Illinois in the Washington, DC, area will honor U of I president, Stanley O. Ikenberry. At the conclusion of this academic year, President Ikenberry will be retiring from his post after 16 years of outstanding service to the U of I, the Champaign-Urbana community, the entire State of Illinois, and indeed to the country. His daily presence in the president's office will be deeply missed, but his influence will be felt for many years to come.

Among the highlights of President Ikenberry's tenure are the establishment of the

U of I at Chicago campus, the Beckman Institute for Advanced Science and Technology, the President's Award and University Scholars Programs, and the National Center for Supercomputing Applications, in addition to construction of a host of new academic buildings and laboratory space. President Ikenberry's leadership and dedication to these and other projects have earned the U of I its continued paramount reputation in the academic and scientific research community not only in Illinois but throughout the country. Indeed, President Ikenberry's visionary and bold leadership over the years has helped to establish the U of I as one of the premier and most highly respected research institutions throughout the world.

On a personal note, President Ikenberry has been a good friend and someone with whom it has been a fine pleasure to work closely with over many years both as a Member of Congress and during my service in the Illinois General Assembly. I am pleased that Stan and his wife Judith will continue to call Urbana home and I look forward to continuing our friendship in the years ahead.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the entire Illinois delegation I offer our congratulations to President Ikenberry for his life-long commitment to the highest quality education, the advancement of research, and distinguished service to students at the U of I, as well as all of the people of Illinois and our country. We cannot thank him enough for his contributions toward the betterment of all our lives.

HONORING PAUL J. MANAFORT

HON. NANCY L. JOHNSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 4, 1995

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday evening, April 26, 1995, Paul J. Manafort, a friend and admired community leader will be honored as Citizen of the Year by the New Britain Lodge of Elks. Paul's remarkable leadership and contributions to the greater New Britain community have spanned many decades and represent a broad spectrum of civic, professional, community and charitable endeavors.

Paul will be honored for his leadership, dedication and many achievements, both personally and professionally. He has dedicated his life to his family and community. Paul Manafort's elective service began on the New Britain Board of Aldermen. He was elected as mayor in 1965 and served three terms during a period of great cultural and societal change. His thoughtful and proactive leadership resulted in strong economic development and responsive public policies for the city. The respect Paul earned during his elective tenure led to his appointment as commissioner of the department of public works where his statewide service was widely acknowledged.

Community service and volunteerism have been the cornerstone of Paul's commitment to enriching the quality of life in New Britain. He has enjoyed membership in numerous civic, community and charitable organizations. His work with ethnic, veterans, disabled and church organizations is legendary. His active

participation on the boards of the Boys' and Girls' Club, New Britain General Hospital, the Police Athletic League, his leadership with the Greater New Britain Opera Association, the Sons of Italy, the Colombian Federation, St. Ann Church and civic groups such as the Elks, Lions Club and the Knights of Columbus have afforded Paul many awards and much acknowledgement throughout his many, many years of service. Those who have known and worked with Paul know that his tremendous contributions to the community are founded in the deep personal satisfaction he has found in helping others and his commitment to the city of New Britain and her citizens.

Veterans, the disabled, young and old citizens alike, fellow volunteers, his family and friends will gather on April 26 to share their very great appreciation, respect and admiration for one of the very great gentlemen and leaders in the city of New Britain.

IN HONOR OF HAYNE W. DOMINICK

HON. BOB GOODLATTE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 4, 1995

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, with all of the recent discussion about Enola Gay and some academic types trying to rewrite history, I'd like to talk a moment about a great American living in my district who knows much about the subject of World War II.

His name is Hayne W. Dominick, and as a 21-year-old machine gunner for the Army Air Corps he fought the Japanese across the Philippine Islands and then made the last stand at Corregidor. Days later, he survived the brutal and infamous Bataan death march. Like thousands of his comrades in that march, Mr. Dominick demonstrated a bravery, endurance, constancy in the face of torture and inhumane treatment, and compassion for his hurting comrades that is perhaps unmatched in military annals. Then, for another 4 years his courage carried him through the horrors and brutality of a Japanese prison camp.

We must never forget the true nature of World War II. It was a war of aggression by military dictators and their followers in Japan and Germany. Our Armed Forces fought with supreme bravery and sacrifice to save our way of life, to save democracy, to give suffering people back their freedom. And it was fought and won by great patriots like Hayne W. Dominick.

TAIWAN'S SUCCESSFUL EFFORTS TO FIGHT NARCOTICS

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 4, 1995

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, in August 1993, I had the privilege to attend a Regional Counter Narcotics Conference in Taipei, Republic of China. The conference was held in conjunction with the Republic of China's Ministry of Justice, and was attended personally by Justice Minister, Dr. Ma Ying-jeou. The decision to hold the conference in Taipei, together with Minister Ma's participation, was yet another indication from our friends on Taiwan of the seriousness of their antidrug efforts.

I have just received a letter from Benjamin Lu, the Republic of China's Representative here in the United States, which details some of the further steps undertaken by the Republic of China since the conference. I would like to include it in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, because I feel it is important that such efforts do not go unnoticed here in the Congress. I strongly commend the Republic of China's antinarcotics efforts, and submit the following letter from Representative Lu:

TAIPEI ECONOMIC AND
CULTURAL REPRESENTATIVE,
Washington, DC, March 14, 1995.

Hon. CHARLES B. RANGEL,
U.S. House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE RANGEL: I am writing to update you regarding an issue of great importance, international narcotics control. This is also a matter of mutual concern to the United States and my country, the Republic of China (ROC) on Taiwan.

According to reports released by the Ministry of Justice of the ROC, drug related crimes such as drug abuse, trafficking and money laundering were increasing in the Taiwan area in recent years. However, the ROC government has taken effective measures to put the problems under control, and the achievements were duly noted by American authorities. As commended by the "International Narcotics Control Strategy Report of 1995" of the United States Department of State, officially released on March 1, my government has launched nation-wide anti-drug programs and passed harsher laws against traffickers. In addition, although not a member of the United Nations, the ROC has introduced "legislation in conformity with the 1988 UN Convention in the areas of money laundering, precursor chemical controls and 'illegal drug' schedules."

Both the record-breaking volume of drug seizures and an impressive number of offenders indicted in Taiwan in recent years proved that our efforts have been fruitful. The report also noted that "the Taiwan authorities have mounted a concerted effort to attack the heroin trafficking problem and seizures of heroin have increased rapidly in the past few years. . . . Nevertheless, a unilateral effort of any country is not enough to win a complete victory against drugs. My government, therefore, has thoroughly cooperated with American as well as other international law enforcement agencies to crackdown on all drug related crimes and will continue to do so. The State report also indicated that, in the last year, the ROC government not only "continued to cooperate well" with the Drug Enforcement Agency but also explored with U.S. authorities the possibility of signing a bilateral counternarcotics agreement.

The people and the government of the ROC are as committed as you are to fighting drug problems. We hope you will take note of our strong commitment and vigorous actions on this important matter.

With warmest regards,
Sincerely,

BENJAMIN LU,
Representative.

TRIBUTE TO REVEREND AND MRS. BURGOS

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 4, 1995

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Rev.

Gregorio Burgos and his wife, Lucia, on the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary. Reverend and Mrs. Burgos were united in marriage in Puerto Rico on April 19, 1945. They are a fine example of family unity and together have contributed a great deal to our community and country.

Rev. Gregorio Burgos has been actively involved as a pastor and minister for the past 52 years. He and Lucia have dedicated their lives to helping others. Through their religious work in the community they have touched the lives of many in need. As a minister of the Church of God of the 7th Day, the Burgos have nurtured the spirits and minds of congregants throughout New Jersey. They have worked together to build congregations in many New Jersey cities, including Paterson, Jersey City, Newark, and Camden. In the State of New York they established parishes in the Bronx and Rochester, and in addition they have taken their message of love to Pennsylvania and the Caribbean.

The Burgos have dedicated most of their lives to their congregants and have known all the joys and sorrows of the religious life. When there was illness among their congregants, they comforted the sick and their families. When a child was born, they were there to join in the celebration. Whenever their was death, they were also there for consolation and to give the family strength to go on.

Their strong love and commitment for each other and their community helped inspired the writer Adalberto Mendez in his book entitled, "History of the Church of God of the 7th Day," Although both Gregorio and Lucia are semiretired, they remain actively involved in their congregation as counselors. Reverend and Mrs. Burgos have five children, Raquel, Wilfredo, Elieser, Irma, and Sara. They are also the loving grandparents of 15 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

Please join me in wishing Rev. Gregorio Burgos, 79, and Mrs. Lucia Burgos, 68, a happy golden anniversary. A celebration will be held in their honor on April 9, 1995. I am sure that their family and friends are inspired by the example that they have set. I wish them continued happiness and prosperity.

A TRIBUTE TO CENTRAL FALLS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 4, 1995

Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a group of 25 students from Central Falls High School who won the Rhode Island title in the "We the People" competition on the Constitution and the Bill of Rights which was held March 12 at the Community College of Rhode Island.

The 25 juniors are all students in the U.S. history class taught by Bertrand Brousseau,